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SUBJECT: SOVIET COMMENT ON UNILATERAL ARMS CONTROL

1. WE PASS ON FOLLOWING TO YOU AS POSSIBLY HAVING RELEVANCE TO TIMING OF LETTER TO BREZHNEV ON ERW IN EVENT PRESIDENT DECIDES TO SEND ONE.

2. DURING CONVERSATION TODAY IN NEW YORK BETWEEN SOVIETS AND MAYNES AND LEONARD ON NON-CURRENT ISSUES, SUBJECT OF UNILATERAL ARMS CONTROL CAME UP. AMERICANS POINTED TO B-1 DECISION AS ILLUSTRATION THAT SOVIETS DO NOT RESPOND TO SUCH STEPS. SOVIET INTERLOCUTOR (FOKINE, DEPUTY SECRET

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PERMREP AND FORMER AIDE TO GROMYKO) RESPONDED THAT IN THE CASE OF THE B-1 WE DID NOT PLAY IT RIGHT TO GET A RESPONSE; WE GAVE THEM LITTLE OR NO ADVANCE NOTICE, WHICH MEANT THAT THEY HAD NO TIME TO PREPARE THEIR PUBLIC REACTION.

3. THIS BRINGS TO MIND AN EARLIER CONVERSATION WHICH YOU HAD WITH ARBATOV, IN WHICH ARBATOV SAID THAT WE HAD MADE A

MISTAKE IN NOT TRYING TO GET SOMETHING FROM THEM FOR THE
B-1 DECISION.
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